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**MEDIA ADVISORY** 

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# I -15 CORE Completes First Two Bridges, Closes Freeway to Tear Down Another

Bridges in Spanish Fork and Pleasant Grove to open; I-15 to close for one night to remove old Proctor Lane bridge

LEHI, Utah (Dec. 13, 2010) - For the week of Dec. 13, construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to open the first two completed bridges on the project at 2700 North in Spanish Fork and at Proctor Lane in Pleasant Grove. Once complete, crews will remove the old Proctor Lane bridge the night of Saturday, Dec. 18, with a full closure of Interstate 15. All dates are subject to change due to winter weather. The following is a brief description of significant upcoming construction activities on I-15 CORE:

## I-15 and 2700 North, Spanish Fork

The 2700 North bridge over I-15 in Spanish Fork is scheduled to open by end of day on Thursday, Dec. 16. It is the first completed bridge of 63 new, modified or rebuilt bridges on I-15 CORE. The bridge was rebuilt in just 180 days after crews completely removed the former bridge over the interstate last June. The old bridge's columns were spaced too narrowly to allow for the necessary expansion of two additional lanes on I-15 in each direction. The new bridge's overpass is one lane in both directions with wider shoulders to allow for easy expansion to accommodate future local traffic demands.

## I-15 and Proctor Lane, Pleasant Grove

The new Proctor Lane bridge in Pleasant Grove, moved into place last month, will open on Friday, Dec. 17. It will be the second of 63 bridges to eventually be completed on the project.

Once traffic has switched to the new bridge, crews will remove the old bridge the night of Saturday, Dec. 18. The demolition will require a full freeway closure from the Pleasant Grove interchange to the Orem 1600 North interchange. The closure begins at 11 p.m. on Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday. Lane restrictions begin at 10 p.m. on Saturday. During the closure, signs will detour drivers from Pleasant Grove Boulevard to 700 North to Geneva Road and to 1600 North in Lindon.

#### I-15 Springville S.R. 75 Interchange

At the I-15 Springville state Route 75 interchange (1600 North), the southbound on-ramp will be closed overnight on Monday, Dec. 13 and Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Crews will install drainage pipe underneath the ramp. Drivers are advised to use the 2000 West Frontage

Road to S.R. 77 (400 South) as an alternate route.

Check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information. Stay informed by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on facebook.com/i15core and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.

Construction activities and dates are subject to change. Dates are weather-permitting and could change with short notice. Please check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) or the project's Twitter feed (twitter.com/i15core) for the latest information.